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President's Message



Greetings FBC-LEO Members and Friends,

I pray this message finds you enjoying the summer season. Juneteenth gave many of us an opportunity to fellowship with family and friends and reflect on what freedom means to us. As we prepare to celebrate the 4th of July, I invite you to continue thinking about the freedoms we enjoy and the ability each of us has to positively impact our communities.

I thank all of you who had an opportunity to attend the mental health webinar we had in June with

Councilwoman NanDrycka King Albert! If you did not have an opportunity to attend live, you can view it [here](#).

The next FLC Policy Committee Meeting is Friday, July 16, in Orlando. If you haven't done so, please reach out to Mary Edenfield at 850.701.3624 or medenfield@flcities.com to get involved.

The FBC-LEO 2021 Annual Breakfast and Business Meeting will be held Friday, August 13 at 7 a.m., in conjunction with the FLC Annual Conference at the Orlando World Center Marriott, August 12 –14, 2021. We will need FBC-LEO members to help with the FBC-LEO booth. If you would like to volunteer, please [click here](#) to sign-up.

If you are unable to volunteer, please stop by our booth to say hello! We look forward to seeing you, there.

Teresa Watkins Brown

President Teresa Watkins Brown
Councilwoman, City of Fort Myers

Member News



Welcome to our new FBC-LEO Members

Warmest welcome! We are delighted to have you as members of the FBC-LEO organization and look forward to getting to know you.

- **Eula Clarke**, Mayor, Stuart
 - **Melissa Dunn**, Commissioner, Lauderhill
 - **Steven Glenn**, Commissioner, Dundee
 - **Shannon Hayes**, Mayor Pro Tem, Crestview
 - **Curtis Johnson, Jr.**, Commissioner, Fort Pierce
 - **Marvin Price**, Commissioner, West Park
 - **Mary Ross Wilkerson**, Vice Mayor, Belle Glade
 - **Normita Woodard**, Commissioner, Dade City
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FBC-LEO remembers long-time member and **Fort Myers Councilwoman Ann Knight.**

After she won her seat on the Council in 1982, Ann became the second woman to serve on the Fort Myers City Council and served until 2000, the longest tenure of any council member in modern memory.

She passed on May 26 at the age of 89 years old.

View the service program [here](#).

FBC-LEO Annual Breakfast & Business Meeting

Registration is now open!



**FBC-LEO Annual Breakfast & Business Meeting
August 13, 2021
7:00 a.m. ET
Orlando World Center Marriott
New York/New Orleans Room**

The FBC-LEO Annual Breakfast and Business Meeting will be held in conjunction with the FLC Annual Conference. At this meeting, the membership will handle the business of the association, including approving the 2021-2022 slate of officers.

Please be advised, if you plan to attend FLC conference sessions, you will need to [register for the FLC Annual Conference](#) separately.

If you do not plan to attend an FLC conference session, you will only need to register for the FBC-LEO Annual Breakfast and Business Meeting.

The deadline to register for the meeting is Friday, August 6, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

Register for the Breakfast Meeting

[Click here](#) for step-by-step registration instructions.

Volunteers Needed for FBC-LEO Booth



Volunteers Needed!

FBC-LEO will have a booth in the Exhibit Hall at the 2021 **Florida League of Cities Annual Conference**. We need 22 FBC-LEO members to help with the booth.

The conference will be held at the Orlando World Center Marriott (8701 World Center Dr., Orlando, FL 32821).

The dates to volunteer are August 12-13, 2021.

If you would like to volunteer, please click the "Volunteer Here" button below.

Sign-up no later than July 30, 2021.

Volunteer Here

Join the Board of Directors



Are you interested in joining the FBC-LEO Board of Directors?

The nominating committee is accepting nominations for officers and board members. The Board of Directors consists of thirteen members who include the following: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Historian, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Regional Coordinator and the Immediate Past President of the Florida Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials.

Nominations are being accepted for Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Historian, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Regional Coordinator - North and Regional Coordinator - South.

Nominees must have been an FBC-LEO member for at least one year to be board eligible.

To nominate yourself or another qualified member, please send an email of interest and a biography to fbcleo@flcities.com by Friday, July 30, 2021.

FBC-LEO Shirts Available



The ordering window is open until July 23, 2021.

Purchase your shirt now to wear at the FLC Annual Conference in August!

There are many great colors and styles to choose from. Short sleeve and long sleeve shirts are available.

Click the "View Shirts" button below to view available options and to place your order.

If you are paying with a city/town/village credit card and need the sales tax turned off, please call Full Press Apparel before placing your shirt order. The phone number for Full Press Apparel is 850.222.1003.

Questions?
Contact FBC-LEO

View Shirts

State-Mandated Ethics Training

**State-Mandated Ethics:
Training for Elected Officials**

**Wednesday, July 14, 2021
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET**

In January 2015, a law went into effect requiring all elected municipal officers to receive four hours of ethics-specific training.



The class contains a morning and afternoon session to cover all 4 hours with a lunch break in-between. Meet the state requirement and maybe, just maybe, enjoy doing it!

Agenda

Session 1: Florida Ethics Law (Chapter 112)
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ET

BREAK

Session 2: Florida Public Records and Public Meetings Law
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET

Participating in the FULL four hours of this webinar meets the state requirement for annual ethics training. We hope to see you there!

Register Here

FBC-LEO Healthy Living Webinar



On June 15, FBC-LEO hosted the second webinar in its FBC-LEO: On the Road to Healthy Living Webinar Series with **Midway Councilwoman NanDrycka King Albert**. The webinar focused on the importance of mental health in our communities.

Click the "View Recording" button below to view the webinar.

[View Recording](#)

FLC 2021 Legislative Session Final Report



The Florida League of Cities 2021 Legislative Session Final Report is now available for viewing and downloading on the FLC website. This document summarizes key legislation we tracked during the most recent Legislative Session.

[View Final Report](#)

New American Rescue Plan Act Resources

American Rescue Plan Act implementation resources from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the National League of Cities (NLC) are available in the [FLC ARPA Resource Center](#).



These resources include [U.S. Treasury Frequently Asked Questions](#) and a helpful article from NLC, [Lost Revenue: What Municipalities Need to Know](#), which also includes a link to a [Lost Revenue Calculation Worksheet](#). To help members navigate the process of requesting and receiving ARPA funds, there are numerous guidance documents available in regard to reporting and allowable use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

[Visit Resource Center](#)

Events & Training Opportunities

#FLCities Strong Webinar Series

July 12, 2021
10:00 a.m. ET



Join FLC as **Orlando Commissioner Tony Ortiz** reviews his year as Florida League of Cities president. They'll also take a close look at the present and future of youth recreation programs.

Guest speakers include:

- **Ashley Edwards**, Tallahassee Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Director
- **Jennifer Cirillo**, Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Assistant Director & Florida Recreation
- **Terrell Griffin**, Park Association President Haines City Parks and Recreation Director

This session will provide great information and inspiration -- you won't want to miss it.

Click the button below to sign up for the July FLCitiesStrong broadcast today!

[Register Here](#)

Florida League of Cities 2021 Annual Conference

Orlando World Center Marriott
August 12-14, 2021



The FLC Annual Conference is an opportunity for municipal officials and senior staff to enhance leadership skills, learn from municipal experts, share ideas with peers, discuss strategies for Florida's future and hear about the latest in products and services for municipal governments. [Learn More](#)

This year's conference will include breakout sessions, committee meetings, keynote presentations, awards and more. Additionally, the FLC 2022 Legislative Action Agenda to guide advocacy efforts at the state Capitol, will be discussed and adopted. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, network and share!

General Session Keynote Speakers

Leland Melvin
Opening General Session
Friday, August 13



Leland Melvin is an engineer, educator, former NASA astronaut and NFL wide receiver. After 24 years with NASA as a researcher, astronaut and senior executive service leader, he now shares his life story as an athlete, astronaut, scientist, engineer, photographer and musician to help inspire the next generation of explorers to pursue STEM careers.

Kenneth W. Gronbach
Second General Session
Saturday, August 14



Kenneth W. Gronbach is an internationally respected demographer who has forecast societal, commercial, economic, cultural and political phenomena with an uncanny accuracy in forecasting future markets. Come explore the common sense, easy-to-understand, counterintuitive and very fascinating realm of demography.

Important Upcoming Dates

Registration Deadline

Conference registrations must be received no later than **Friday, July 30, 2021.**

Hotel Reservations

The cutoff date for reservations at the Marriott is **July 22, 2021.** Reservations must be made via an FLC-provided security code only; no one will receive housing information until after their paid registration is received.

Questions? Contact Melanie Howe at mhowe@flcities.com.

Register Now

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